

FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY –NOVEMBER 12, 2015

1. Ordinance 125, General Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$6,000 for additional Professional Fees required for County borrowing. It is estimated that this additional funding will be required to pay the legal fees associated with the County borrowing, which is a backstop for the effects of a continued budget impasse in Harrisburg. (Finance Dept.) (Tabled 11-4-15) **Page 4**
2. Ordinance 127, authorizing the issuance of a Tax-Exempt Revenue Anticipation Drawdown Note in a principal amount of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000). This ordinance and the companion ordinance which follows would provide temporary finance to operate the County until a state budget is passed. The two ordinances would be needed if there is no budget deal by the end of November, since it is anticipated that the funding requirement will go past December, which is the end of the calendar year, and require implementation of the GO Bond Debt. (Finance Dept., CPA Maloney) (Tabled 11-4-15) **Page 7**
3. Ordinance 128, authorizing the incurring of Non-Electoral Debt to finance the cost of the refunding of the County's Revenue Anticipation Note, Series of 2015 by the issuance of a General Obligation Note in the amount not to exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000). (Tabled 11-4-15) **Page 14**

Items 4 through 21 are second readings of budget ordinances. The General Fund ordinance will be moved for the regular agenda in the slot just before the Real Estate Levy. The dollar amounts included in the first reading documents reflect the Administration's Budget Proposal.

4. General Fund **Page 21**
5. Debt Service Fund **Page 22**
6. Employee Fringe Benefit Fund **Page 23**
7. Health Choices Fund **Page 24**
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17. Liquid Fuels Fund **Page 34**
18. Pleasant Ridge Manor Fund **Page 35**
19. Pleasant Ridge Manor Depreciation Reserve Fund **Page 36**
20. Care Management Budget **Page 37**
21. Real Estate Tax Levy; written to express the Administration's proposal for County taxes. **Page 38**
22. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$18,000 for Coroner *Fees and Services* Line. Owing to high usage, the Coroner has exhausted this line item which pays for the removal of medical waste and bodies. A second reading is requested. **Page 39**
23. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget supplemental appropriation and release of \$111,500 in County Record Improvement Funds. The Record Improvement Committee, which is comprised of members from all branches, approved a series of "Record" based projects. The release of this funding is needed to pay for their completion. The money is restricted to uses which will improve the keeping of records. **Page 42**
24. First reading of an ordinance, Children & Youth Services Fund Budget revised expenditures and creation of a Court Ordered Placement Line. A new line for Jewish Families Services of Harrisburg is needed; \$3000 is being moved from an unused line. (Patrick Ryan) **Page 45**
25. First reading of an ordinance, Drug & Alcohol Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$154,594 from receipt of Gambling Prevention and Outreach Grant. The Commonwealth's funding exceeded the estimate in the 2015 County Budget. The funding is used for gambling abuse prevention and outreach. (Patrick Ryan) **Page 48**
26. Resolution approving the FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant Application and authorizing its submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Council approval is required for this yearly submission. A hearing is scheduled prior to the Budget Hearing Tuesday night. (Joe Berdis) **Page 51**
27. Resolution urging EMTA transportation of Voters on Election Day. The County is looking to partner with EMTA to provide rides using the Lift. Consideration of possible same day appointments. A small fee would still be charged. (Councilman Ed DiMattio) **Page 54**
28. Resolution approving possible borrowing of up to \$2.66m in Unrestricted Gaming Funds during Commonwealth Budget Impasse. This signifies Council's approval for the Administration to borrow money from Unrestricted Gaming Funds should a cash flow crisis occur. This money would be utilized before any bank-funded line of credit. (Maloney, Pasquale) **Page 55**
29. Resolution approving the 2016 Solicitor contract for the Office of the Controller. The contract for Attorney Cooper allows for his payment only when his services are utilized. The Controller has been very judicious in her use of those services. (Controller Schaaf) **Page 56**
30. Resolution exonerating taxes on one abandoned trailer/property #31-013-047.2-003.88 in McKean Township and the General McLane School District and have passed legislation in approval. **Page 60**

31. Resolution exonerating taxes on one abandoned trailer/property #49-016-032.1-003.57 in Wayne Township and the Corry Area School District and have passed legislation in approval. **Page 64**
32. Appointment of James Wandless to the Human Relations Advisory Board replacing Wayne Patterson who resigned. Term ending October 31, 2016. (Mr. Leone's District) **Page 70**
33. Appointment of Dom DiPaolo to a four-year term on the Erie County Convention Center Authority. Term ending December 31, 2019. Replacing David Ciacchini, who moved out of District 3. (Mr. Leone's District) **Page 71**
34. Analysis of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. **Page 72**

There is no Personnel Committee business.